

BROKE IN AND
FOUND POLICE

William McDonald, Ex-Convict,
Was Promptly Nabbed

HIS CONFEDERATE FLED

Authorities at Georgetown, Mass., Had
Been Tipped Off About Intended Raid
on Postoffice and They Immediately
Formed a Reception Committee.

Georgetown, Mass., Jan. 10.—William McDonald of Haverhill, a recently discharged convict, broke into the Georgetown postoffice this morning and found there waiting for him four officers, who lost no time in placing him under arrest. The officers didn't wait for McDonald to begin operations on the safe, but clapped handcuffs on him at once. Meanwhile, McDonald's confederate, who was waiting outside the postoffice, beat two other officers and dodged fifteen bullets in his dash for liberty. The confederate may be arrested later, as his identity is known.

The authorities were able to foil the attempted robbery because they had received an intimation of McDonald's intended visit to the postoffice, and they set a trap for him, resulting in the prompt capture.

WOULD STRIP RICHESON
OF THE "REVEREND"

Church May Take Action So That Con-
demned Man Won't Go to Chair
with the Title.

Boston, Jan. 10.—Clarence V. T. Richeson, who pleaded guilty yesterday afternoon to murdering Avis Linnell and was sentenced to be executed during the week of May 19, will not go to the electric chair having the right to bear the title of "reverend," if the action which is now being initiated is taken by the church authorities. He may be excluded from the church. An ecclesiastical council may be called, demanding the minister's parchment. In either way he would pass out of the ministry. No definite steps have been taken.

Richeson's counsel declared after the proceedings yesterday that an appeal for executive clemency would follow soon and that every effort would be made to obtain life imprisonment, instead of death, as the punishment. Whether the petition will be based upon Richeson's services to the county in making his confession, or upon a claim of irresponsibility, has not yet been decided.

Some well-known attorneys remarked that Judge Sanderson's action in accepting the plea and ordering it spread upon the records of the court might have an echo in the supreme court, on the ground that a jury alone could accept such a plea.

The courtroom scene of yesterday had no ill effect upon the young clergyman to-day for Dr. Lathrop reported that Richeson was in such good health that he should cease his visits.

Gov. Foss' mail is crowded with letters on the case, advocating and denouncing commutation.

PHELPS PETITION
TO GO TO COUNCIL

Gov. Foss Announced To-day in Time
For Council to Act Upon It Be-
fore Next Week.

Boston, Jan. 10.—Governor Foss to-day announced that he would submit to the executive council the petition for the commutation to life imprisonment of the death sentence of Silas N. Phelps, the man who was convicted of the murder of Deputy Sheriff Haskins at Monroe Bridge, in time for the council to act upon it this week. This is taken to mean that the matter may not be considered at to-day's meeting.

"LEM" WHITNEY DEAD.

Former Well-Known Traveling Salesman
Through New England.

Brattleboro, Jan. 10.—Word was received in Brattleboro yesterday of the death in Ticonderoga, N. Y., of Charles Lemuel Whitney, a former traveling salesman in New England. Mr. Whitney was the last of the force of salesmen at one time employed by James Fisk, and his recollections of the friend of Jay Gould had been made the basis of many a tale.

"Lem" Whitney, as he was known to thousands of people in New England, was born in Brattleboro 82 years ago. He married Frances Gore, daughter of John Gore of Brattleboro. Mrs. Whitney died a number of years ago. She was a daughter of Brattleboro's famous inventor, John Gore, who made and operated the first automobile ever seen in the United States.

Mr. Whitney came of a musical family, and his brother, S. B. Whitney, the well-known concert organist, is still living in Boston. Lemuel Whitney as a young man was employed by the Estey Organ company, and for several years was the proprietor of the old Brattleboro house, which stood on Main street about where the Amidon grocery store is now located. About 30 years ago he was employed by the O. R. North company of New Haven, Conn., as a traveling salesman for harness and saddles.

For several years he had made his home in Ticonderoga, N. Y., with his daughter, Mrs. Alice (Whitney) Bascom, who survives him, as does a grandson, Whitney Doris Bascom of this town. The body will be brought to Brattleboro Thursday and buried beside his wife in Prospect Hill cemetery.

FITZGERALD SLATE
CANDIDATES LOST

Not One Was Elected in Boston Yesterday—Woman Candidate For School
Commission Also Lost.

Boston, Jan. 10.—At the city election yesterday the Republicans elected three candidates to the city council and two members of the school board, although the candidates ran without party designation. Not a member of the Fitzgerald-Lomasney slate, so-called, got into office.

Walter Ballantyne, John A. Conishurst and Thomas J. Kenney, endorsed by the Republican city committee and the Good Government association, were elected councilors for three years.

The defeated candidates who were backed by the forces, headed by Mayor Fitzgerald and the Democratic city committee, were Owen A. Cunningham, Edward D. Collins and Charles J. F. O'Brien, while Frank A. Goodwin ran independently.

George A. Brock and Joseph Lee, the candidates of the Republicans and endorsed by the Public School association, easily led the contest for three terms on the school board, defeating Joseph A. Sheehan and Judge William H. Merritt, who were supported by the Democrats, as well as Mrs. Susan W. Fitzgerald of Hyde Park, who made a gallant fight to secure the election on the plea that the school board should have at least one woman member.

The city also voted on the license question, giving the usual majority for license, the vote being: Yes, 30,816; no, 16,592.

Owing to the extreme cold and the comparative unimportance of the ballot the vote was unusually light, the special feature being the first ballot cast by Hyde Park as ward 26 of Boston.

BOSTON'S BIG STRIKE
SEEMS INEVITABLE

Longshoremen to Number of 2,500 Will
Be Joined by 3,500 Others—Deci-
sion To-day as to When Men
Shall Leave.

Boston, Jan. 10.—All indications this morning pointed to a general strike of 3,500 freight handlers, freight clerks and dock carpenters, for the purpose of assisting the 2,500 striking longshoremen, who demand an increase in wages. The Knights of Labor assembly, with which the freight handlers, clerks and carpenters are allied, voted in favor of striking. It was agreed to permit the leaders to decide to-day when the men shall leave work. A general dock strike is not anticipated before to-night or to-morrow.

SNOWSLIDE KILLS
SEVERAL DURING STORM

Report From Cutbank, Montana, Says
Rotary Snowplow Was Struck, With
Loss of Life—Fierce Storm
Raging.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 10.—A snowslide swept down upon a rotary snowplow near Cutbank, Mont., this morning and several men are said to have been killed. A great storm is raging in that district.

LIGHTSHIP DRIVEN TO SEA.

Gale Tore Her from Anchorage at Nan-
tucket.

Newport, R. I., Jan. 10.—A westerly gale tore the Nantucket lightship from her anchorage this morning, sending her out into the Atlantic. The vessel, which was equipped with a small propeller, was seen at dawn making an effort to reach either Newport or Hyannis. She was the turning point for inbound trans-Atlantic steamers.

SEARCH GIVEN UP.

Friends Will Await Passing of Ice to
Find Charles N. Ballard.

Somersworth, N. H., Jan. 10.—Feeling positive that his body lies beneath the waters of Lake Winnepesaukee, friends of Charles N. Ballard, who disappeared from his camp on the shore of the lake Saturday, have given up search for him. Nothing can be done toward dragging the lake for his body until the ice goes out in the spring.

Ballard was a manufacturer in this city. It is thought that he fell through the ice and was drowned.

WILL CLIMB MT. McKINLEY.

Prof. Herzihel Parker to Head Expedi-
tion—Everything Ready.

New York, Jan. 10.—With the summit of Mount McKinley as its goal, an expedition headed by Prof. Herzihel G. Parker, an explorer, will leave New York within the next few days. All the arrangements for the expedition have been completed.

Selling Electric Power Anywhere.

The Reformer does not believe that the state would be taking a progressive step in passing a law prohibiting the transmission of waterpower outside its boundaries. Vermont certainly has first claim on the energy which its streams are made to develop, but until there is a local market for this product we should enact no legislation that would forbid its sale elsewhere. Sufficient safeguard would exist in a law obliging power companies to supply the demands of local consumers. It is too much to expect that industries will come to us before water powers are developed. If we can induce outside capital to undertake such development it is only fair that it should be allowed to sell power where ever possible until such time as state industries have increased sufficiently to use the entire output.—Brattleboro Reformer.

The Gleaners of the Presbyterian church will meet with Isabella Mackie, Beacon street, this evening at 7 o'clock sharp.

STEEPLE FELL
DURING FIRE

Seriously Injuring Chief Williams
of Quincy Fire Department

AT BRAINTREE, MASS., TO-DAY

Quincy's Chief Had Responded to Call for
Aid When Braintree's Congregational
Church and One Store Were Burning
—Other Firemen Were Hurt Also.

Braintree, Mass., Jan. 10.—Chief Williams of the Quincy fire department was seriously injured and several other firemen were hurt while fighting a fire which destroyed the Congregational church and the store of J. Marcus Arnold here to-day. Chief Williams was struck by a flying piece of wood when the steeple of the church fell, and the other firemen received their injuries when ammonia in the ruins of the Arnold store exploded.

The fire originated in the store, the cause being an overheated stove, and became so threatening that aid was summoned from Quincy, Hobbins and Ayer. Chief Williams of the Quincy department responded to the call and was assisting in the direction of the firemen when he received his injuries. The flames were confined to the two buildings which were destroyed, and the loss is estimated to be \$50,000.

FIRE STILL BURNING
IN EQUITABLE CELLAR

For That Reason It Is Impossible to
State Whether Money and Securities
Are Unharmed.

New York, Jan. 10.—The ruins of the Equitable Life Assurance company's building on lower Broadway continued to smolder to-day, and it is doubtful if the fire is extinguished before nightfall. The fire is in the cellar only as above the first story there is nothing left save the granite walls. There were no additions to the list of casualties this morning, and the official blotter gives six dead, two missing and 23 injured. The body of Deputy Fire Chief Walsh has not been recovered.

More than one hundred policemen and detectives are guarding the property to prevent the theft of any money or securities in the building.

Fire officials last night made an inspection of the vaults of the Equitable Life Assurance society, the Equitable Safe Deposit company and the Mercantile Trust company, and found them all intact as far as outward examination could determine. The Equitable Life vault on the second floor of the building is supported by six steel piers and resisted the weight of falling ruins from the upper floors. Whether the contents were damaged by water or heat will not be learned until the vaults can be opened. It was roughly estimated that the three vaults together contained over a half a billion dollars' worth of securities.

One of the remarkable features of the conflagration was that the bronze statue of Henry R. Hyde, founder of the Equitable Life Assurance society, which stood in the center of the great vaulted area on the ground floor, escaped unscathed. Surrounded by ruin, the heroic figure stands on its marble pedestal without a single scratch.

Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss in a statement last night said that the Equitable's loss was not a real one, as the building was not carried as an asset either by the company or the insurance department. The company's surplus, therefore, stands unimpaired, substantially where it stood Monday. The records of vital moment to the policyholders were safe in the company's annex building on Albany street, and those lost could probably be largely replaced.

"Policyholders should be patient," he added, "and for the time not ask too much from a management that seems to be meeting a difficult situation with care and skill."

TO SELL BALL CLUB.

Fall River Franchise Is Likely to Go to
Manchester, N. H.

Fall River, Mass., Jan. 10.—The stockholders of the Fall River baseball club of the New England league, at a meeting last night, authorized the directors to sell the club to the highest bidder at once. Some time ago the stockholders instructed the directors to receive bids, and it is understood that John H. O'Brien, manager of the club at the present time, was the highest bidder. He offered \$4,000 for the club.

Michael McDermott, a former owner, bid \$3,500; the Manchester, N. H., chamber of commerce, \$1,500, and Frank Leonard of Lynn, part owner of the Lynn club, \$3,000. If the local organization goes to O'Brien, as now seems probable, he will have associated with him Arthur Butler, a player on the St. Paul American association team.

COACH WAS TELESCOPED.

Snowplow Ran Into Boston Train at
Matthews, N. H.

Matthews, N. H., Jan. 10.—A snowplow telescoped the rear end of the 1:30 p. m. train out of Boston as it reached this station last night, wrecking one passenger car and the snow plow. No one on the passenger train was injured but the operator of the snow plow, Jesse Lyman of North Conway, received internal injuries and was taken to his home.

The collision delayed traffic for five hours and necessitated sending a special train from Mountain View to take the passengers and mails through to North Conway.

SILAS HOBBS, "YEGG"
GETS FOUR YEARS' TERM

Judge Miles Sentenced Man With a Rec-
ord in Caledonia County Court—
Other Cases Heard at St.
Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 10.—Caledonia county court re-opened again after a few weeks' recess. At opening, State's Attorney Robert W. Simonds had his latest catch in the line of yeggmen brought before the court. The "yegg" was Richard Monahan, alias Silas Hobbs, alias Nevada Mike, alias Nevada Reno. Monahan's record is one of daring theft and adventure and he holds the distinction of belonging to a line of about twenty who have been committing burglaries in and about Vermont and New Hampshire.

On being arraigned, Monahan pleaded guilty to the charge against him and was sentenced to serve a term in the state prison at Windsor of not less than four nor more than five years. In pronouncing the sentence, Judge Miles remarked that the sentence was somewhat lighter than it would have been if free from outside circumstances—which is interpreted to mean that he was wanted by other authorities when he was brought through with him.

William Kibby of Barre was also brought in for cruelty to animals. He was admitted to bail fixed at \$300. He is rather an inoffensive man, but alleged to be subject to the morphia habit and when under the spell of that drug he neglected his horse, did not provide it with proper food and drink.

Several more divorce cases heard. Alva D. Gilson was divorced from Mary E. Gilson on the ground of wilful desertion.

Minnie O. Patch vs. Walter D. Patch was tried and the petition dismissed. It is understood that it was dismissed for want of proper jurisdiction. Exceptions were allowed and it will doubtless be decided by the supreme court.

Mamie McCosco was divorced from Basil McCosco on the ground of wilful desertion. Further hearing was had in the case of Raymond Watson vs. Flora Watson. Divorce was finally decreed on the ground of intolerable severity.

Mary E. Cross was divorced from Leonard A. Cross, both from St. Johnsbury, on the ground of intolerable severity. Petitioner is to have the care and custody of the minor child that alimony as per order.

Cora G. Batchelder of Lyndonville was granted a divorce on the ground of wilful desertion.

CENTRAL VERMONT
SUED FOR \$59,000

United States Government Alleges Vi-
olation of Federal Statute Relating
to Number of Consecutive
Hours of Employment.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 10.—United States District Attorney Alexander Dunnett has issued papers for the federal government's suit against the Central Vermont railway company for the recovery of \$59,000 damages for alleged violation of the federal statutes relating to the number of consecutive hours railroad employees can be kept at work.

The statute says that trainmen can be employed only for 16 consecutive hours. There are 118 alleged violations charged against the Central Vermont, the penalty for each offense being a fine of \$500.

The government does not bring a criminal action, but seeks to recover by a civil suit. The papers have been sent to United States Marshal H. W. Bailey of Rutland to serve.

RESULT IN RE-ELECTIONS.

Annual Meeting of Barre Savings Bank
and Trust Company.

There is no change in the list of officers for the Barre Savings Bank and Trust company for the ensuing year, as the result of the annual meeting of the stockholders yesterday afternoon. The directors were chosen as follows: Ben A. Eastman, George B. Milne, M. E. Howland, Burt H. Wells, Homer Fitts and E. G. Howland. At the subsequent meeting of the directors, they re-elected Ben A. Eastman president and George B. Milne vice president. The financial year of this institution does not close till March 1.

NO ESCAPE FOR CARNEGIE.

Tried to Evade Summons to Meet Com-
mittee in Steel Trust Investigation.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—Andrew Carnegie was an involuntary witness to-day before the House committee which is probing the affairs of the United States steel corporation. Carnegie, who was at first requested to appear and upon declining that invitation was summarily summoned to Washington, was wanted to elucidate many of the details of the organization and operation of the "steel trust" and its dominion of the industry in which he, for so many years, was a predominant figure.

Mr. Carnegie furnished the committee with a statement regarding the steel industry and toll of its career. He denounced the banking system of the United States as a "disgrace to civilization."

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

Organized in China, So Foreign Powers
Are Notified.

Nanking, Jan. 10.—The foreign powers to-day were officially notified by the foreign minister of the republican cabinet that the organization of a provisional government is now completed. There is reason to believe that the premier has acceded to holding a national convention for the settlement of the future form of government in China.

WOMAN'S BODY IN RUINS.

Kate Roach Lost Her Life in Fire at
Plymouth, Mass.

Plymouth, Mass., Jan. 10.—The body of Kate Roach was found in the ruins of her home here yesterday. No one can say how the fire started which destroyed the small house in which the woman lived alone. She was 55 years of age.

SUGAR MAKING
ON DECLINE

A Vermont Industry is Badly in
Need of Fresh Impetus

REPORTED TO ASSOCIATION

At Its Annual Meeting in Burlington To-
day, Steps Were Taken to Reawaken
Interest—A. A. Carleton of West
Newbury Elected President.

Burlington, Jan. 10.—At the business session of the Vermont Sugar Makers' association in the armory to-day, the following officers were elected:

President, A. A. Carleton, West Newbury.

Vice presidents, C. E. Martin of Rochester and W. E. York of Lincoln.

Secretary, H. B. Chapin, Middlesex.

Treasurer, H. W. Vail, Randolph.

The association to-day decided to send a committee before the next legislative session to secure a law providing that listers take an annual census of maple trees and the amount of the product; also compile an annual census of farm animals. It was also voted that the membership fees of the association go to advertise the maple sugar industry of Vermont.

Lack of advertising was one of the things deplored by Mr. Carleton of West Newbury, in an address yesterday afternoon on "Observation of a Vermont Sugar Maker at the Land Exposition in New York." One of the greatest mistakes Vermont sugar producers make, said Mr. Carleton, is their failure to advertise their products. No sugar was for sale at the exposition, nor could samples be obtained by those interested, until the close of the exposition. The exhibitors of other states had provided liberally for these demands. But Vermont exhibitors did not even have a list of reliable home dealers to give out.

Mr. Carleton also urged the importance of high quality in the maple sugar sent out from the state.

"The price doesn't matter," declared visitors at the exposition, "if we can only be sure of getting what we pay for."

Mr. Carleton also caused some surprise by asserting that eight years ago the membership of the association was 686, whereas it has dwindled to 110 last year.

V. I. Spear of Randolph was another speaker who urged a better quality of product. But there are people, said he, who don't know good maple sugar when they eat it, and until they learn more they will insist on the grades which they have been accustomed to regard as the best.

The farmers, said he, can often market their sugar to the best advantage by selling it direct to a circle of retail customers, avoiding commission men and the jobbers.

Mr. Spear answered the usual volley of questions which followed each address, and which brought to light many problems that have vexed the farmers.

Mr. Spear recommended the manufacture of small cakes of high grade sugar, as one of the most profitable forms in which to market the product. He also discussed the relative merits of sale in quantities of various sizes, and in the forms of syrup and of sugar.

At last evening's session the speakers were F. W. Youmans of Delhi, N. Y., on "Maple Sugar—Marketing the Product"; H. H. Miller of Burlington on "The Quality of Maple Products," and S. E. Ames of Rockburn, Quebec, on "The Maple Sugar Industry in Canada."

Dairymen Begin Convention.

The Vermont Dairymen's association began its 42nd convention in the armory at 10 o'clock this morning with an attendance of eight hundred. The address of welcome was given by Mayor Robert of Burlington, with response by O. L. Martin, commissioner of agriculture. In his annual address, President F. L. Davis of Hartford dwelt on the possibilities of the New Vermont convention, state roads, the grange, agricultural schools, etc. Then there were papers by C. C. Gates of North Rutland on "My Method of Making Silver Cup Butter" and by John L. Smith of Barre, Mass., on "The Farmers' Side of Shipping Milk."

SIXTH MASONIC DIST. MEETING.

Afternoon Session To-morrow and Ban-
quet in Evening.

The annual meeting of the sixth Masonic district will be held with Granite lodge, No. 35, in Barre, Thursday, Jan. 11, afternoon and evening. In the afternoon Granite lodge will confer the F. C. degree. At 6 o'clock a banquet will be served by the ladies of the O. E. S. in Masonic banquet hall. At 7:30 the M. M. degree will be conferred by Aurora lodge, No. 22, of Montpelier. The work of the afternoon and evening will be reviewed by Worshipful David A. Elliott, G. L. The most worshipful grand master, Henry L. Ballou, and other grand lodge officers will be present.

CITY HOSPITAL OFFICERS.

Dr. M. L. Chandler Was Elected Presi-
dent of the Directors.

The board of directors of the Barre City hospital met last evening and organized by electing Dr. M. L. Chandler as president, Dr. W. E. Lazell vice president, A. G. Fay secretary and auditor, Dr. J. W. Jackson treasurer, Dr. M. L. Chandler, F. E. Langley and A. C. Moore executive committee, and Dr. O. G. Stickney, F. G. Howland and R. S. Currier finance committee.

The resignation of Dr. E. B. Whitaker as a member of the visiting staff of the hospital was received and accepted, and he was then elected to the consulting staff. Dr. J. W. Stewart was elected to the vacancy on the visiting staff.

TWO BOYS BOUND OVER.

They Are Accusing of "Lifting" Some
Beer Out of Freight Car.

Several boys, who are alleged to have been implicated in one way or another in the forcing of a freight car, containing quantities of bottled beer, in the Montpelier & Wells River freight yard last October, were arraigned before Judge H. W. Scott in city court this forenoon for hearings which have been continued since the boys were first apprehended some time ago. Paul Plaisted pleaded not guilty to a charge of burglary and waived examination. He was bound over in the sum of \$500 to appear at the March term of county court. Bail was furnished by the boy's father. The respondent was represented by Attorney R. A. Hoar.

Cases against Leonard Morgan and Arthur Milne, who were arrested on the same charge, were not pressed, as it appeared that the boys had no part in forcing open the car.

The case against Abraham Sickle, whose arrest took place on a warrant charging him with keeping, was not pressed for lack of sufficient evidence. Sickle was later arrested on a warrant charging him with burglary, as it was alleged that he took beer from a "lifting" the beer from the car. To this charge, Sickle pleaded not guilty, waived examination and was held in bail of \$500 to appear at the next session of county court. The bail was forthcoming and the respondent was released. Grand Juror E. R. Davis had charge of the prosecution in each case.

HIS CASE CONTINUED.

Owen Marr Was Let Out on His Own
Recognizance Yesterday.

Owen Marr, the man who was arrested by Chief Sinclair yesterday morning on a warrant charging him with passing counterfeit money, appeared in city court before Judge H. W. Scott yesterday afternoon and was released on his own recognizance. He was not asked to enter a plea and the case against him was continued until the morning of Tuesday, January 16. The respondent still insists that he knows nothing of the spurious money.

Further depredations of the counterfeit passers have not been reported since yesterday, but it has since become evident that the imposition had assumed greater proportions than was at first supposed. It is said that several stores in Montpelier have also been duped by the worthless money and in nearly every instance the method employed in Barre has been used.

Chief of Police Durkee of Montpelier is said to have six of the false coins in his possession and a number are held by local business men. Merchants, professional men, small shopkeepers and in fact everyone is making a close examination of all silver money received these days and the sharp scrutiny of the metallic discs will doubtless put a crimp in the aspirations of the counterfeit passers if they are still in the vicinity.

FORMER BARRE MAN.

Robert Quinlan Died in Alberta, Accord-
ing to Message to His Brother.

William C. Quinlan received a telegram last night notifying him of the death of his brother, Robert Quinlan, which occurred yesterday morning in Alberta, Can. The message contained no other advice. The deceased is well known in Barre and left the city only two months ago to join his family in the Canadian Northwest. For several years he was employed as a tool sharpener by Barclay Bros., but for a time prior to his departure in November he worked for Hoyt & LeBaron. Mr. Quinlan leaves his wife and several children. The burial will probably take place in Alberta.

"ORGANIZED THIEVES"
STRIPPED WORKINGMAN

Declared Charles Edward Russell in Lec-
ture Under the Auspices of Barre
Socialist Club Last
Evening.

The first of a series of lectures to be given by platform speakers sent out by the National Socialist Lecture Bureau and held under the auspices of the local Socialist club during the months of January and February, was delivered by Charles Edward Russell in the Congregational church last evening before a deeply interested audience of nearly 300 people. Mr. Russell spoke on "How We Are Gouged" and his address had to do chiefly with the high cost of living and the things which are responsible for this condition. The speaker is a magazine writer of considerable note and is also known as an investigator of some of the conditions which he described last night. He is an earnest and forceful speaker and his message to the Barre audience was very frequently punctuated by applause.

After a vocal solo by Ronald David, the speaker was introduced by David Dawson and the address which followed occupied nearly an hour and thirty minutes. Mr. Russell began by giving a picture of the householder looking his doors and looking windows at night and retiring afterwards in the foolish consciousness that he is safe from robbers. The precaution is ridiculous inasmuch as the householder is almost continually being robbed of the very primal necessities of life. Organized thieves have so stripped him of his goods that after a life of drudgery and little pleasure all the assurance he has gained is that he is still breathing.

In telling how the thieves have robbed the workingman of the primal necessities of life, he chose for an example the means of transportation. In the city of New York, twenty-one companies have obtained control of the street railway franchises and have latterly been united into a single organization. What this monopoly has done to the average man, the speaker proceeded to describe in terms that did not fail to convey a

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SPENT \$33,088
ON STREETS

Amount More Than Usual Be-
cause of New Granite Pavement

DEPT. BALANCE IS \$826.02

Another Year Particular Attention Will
Be Directed To Sidewalk Con-
struction if Recommendations in An-
nual Vermont State Library
Are Carried Out.

Five annual reports of officials and committees were presented at the regular meeting of the board of aldermen last evening and at the same meeting the board opened bids for printing the annual city report. Only two bids were received, and that of E. W. Cumings was considerably lower than that of N. J. Roberts, so that the printing committee is likely to award the contract to Mr. Cummings.

The annual report of the street committee, Aldermen Thurston, Brown and Ward, showed an expenditure of \$33,088.96 during the past year, which is \$10,175.85 larger than for the preceding year, largely because of doubled expenditure on permanent street work. By actual figures, \$7,149.17 more was spent on permanent streets than in 1910, mostly on the Main street pavement extension. However, the department ends the year 1911 with a balance of \$826.02.

The appropriations and expenditures for the street department this year are herewith given:

	Appropriated.	Expended.
Street sprinkling	\$1,885.00	\$1,809.81
Streets	3,800.00	8,085.12
Permanent streets	14,225.00	14,216.25
Sewers	2,675.00	2,654.15
Surface sewers	2,400.00	2,280.00
Sidewalks	2,600.00	2,304.92
Bridges, culverts	1,750.00	1,622.02
	\$33,915.00	\$33,088.96
Balance		\$